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3           1. In a blown film extrusion apparatus in which film is extruded as a tube from

4           an annular die and then pulled along a predetermined path, an apparatus for

5           startup of said extruded film tube, comprising:

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7               (a)    means for varying a quantity of air within said extruded film tube,

8           including:

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0                (1)    a supply blower which supplies air to said extruded film

1           tube in an amount corresponding to a supply control signal, and

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3                (2)    an exhaust blower which exhausts air from said extruded

4           film tube in an amount corresponding to an exhaust control

5           signal; and

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7               (b)    a controller member including executable program instructions

8           which define at least one control routine for automatic and coordinated control

9           of said means for varying during starting of said extruded film tube by directing

0           a series of supply control signals to said supply blower and exhaust control

1           signals to said exhaust blower.

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